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CHINLE MAN CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX - The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 13, 2004, Alphonso Kinzar Carty, DOB 9/28/65, of Chinle, Ariz. was found guilty of four counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse, two counts of Abusive Sexual Contact and one count of Sexual Abuse of a Minor by a federal jury in Prescott, Ariz.

The evidence at trial showed that the defendant had various types of sexual contact on four occasions with a young female who was fourteen when the abuse began in 2000. The abuse was reported in 2003. The defendant made a written confession to the FBI, but claimed at trial that the confession was dictated to him; he denied all sexual contact with her.

The defendant was remanded into custody after trial. Sentencing is set before Judge Strand on November 8, 2004. A conviction for these crimes carries a maximum penalty of life, a \$ 250,000 fine or both.

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Carty had been charged with violating Title18 of U.S. Code, Sections 2241(c), 2243(a) and 2244(a). The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Roger G. Strand on

August 10, 2004.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the FBI and the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement.

The prosecution is being handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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